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September 16, 2005

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Field Office Post Office Box 1000 Washington, NC 27889-1000

Mr. Bill Biddlecome NCDOT Coordinator

Subject:

Application for Individual Section 404 and 401 permits for TIP

U-3823. The proposed widening of Airport Boulevard (SR 1158) from NC 42 West to US 264 Alternate in Wilson, Wilson County; NCDOT Division 4. Federal Project No. STP-1158(2), State Project No.

8.2341801, WBS Element 34981.1.1.

Dear Sir:

The NCDOT proposes to widen Airport Boulevard (SR 1158) from NC 42 West to US 264 Alternate. The proposed project will consist of widening the existing two lane facility to a four lane and five lane facility. The total length is approximately 2 miles and will require approximately 125 feet of right of way. This application package consists of the cover letter, ENG Form 4345, permit (hydraulic) drawings, half size roadway plan sheets, and EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter.

For funding purposes, this project has been divided into two sections, separated at Station 100. At this time, U-3823B is scheduled to let in December of 2005 and U-3823A is scheduled to let September 19, 2006. This application addresses both sections of the project. All previous merger meetings under the U-3823 heading have addressed both A and B sections.

Purpose and Need: As identified in the EA, the primary purpose of this action is to improve capacity and highway safety along this section of Airport Boulevard (SR 1158).

<u>Summary of Impacts</u>: Impacts on jurisdictional areas of the proposed project consist of a total of 0.904 acre of permanent wetland impacts, 0.145 acre of temporary wetland impacts, 89 linear feet of permanent stream impact, and 0.066 acre of temporary stream impact, and 40,303 square feet of Neuse River Buffer impact.

<u>Summary of Mitigation</u>: The project has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to jurisdictional areas throughout the NEPA and design processes. Compensatory mitigation for jurisdictional impacts will be provided by the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program.

NEPA DOCUMENT STATUS

The United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FEWA) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) approve the previous administrative actions of this project including the *Environmental Assessment (EA)* on August 28, 2002 and the *Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)* on December 31, 2003. Copies of the EA and FONSI have been provided to regulatory review agencies involved in the approval process. Additional copies will be provided upon request.

MERGER PROCESS SUMMARY

Purpose and Need (Concurrence Point 1, signed 12/12/2001): The purpose of this action is to improve capacity and highway safety along this section of Airport Boulevard (SR 1158).

Alternatives (Concurrence Point 2 and 2A were signed 5/15/2002): The following alternatives were agreed to carry forward: A five-lane facility (four lanes at Bloomery Swamp), widened asymmetrically, with:

- A crossing at Bloomery Swamp using a culvert with equalizer pipes and curb and gutter design.
- A crossing at Bloomery Swamp using a culvert with equalizer pipes and shoulder section.
- A crossing at Bloomery Swamp with a 200 foot bridge, and curb and gutter design.
- A crossing at Bloomery Swamp with a 200 foot bridge, and a shoulder section.
- A crossing at Bloomery Swamp with a 475 foot bridge, and curb and gutter design.
- A crossing at Bloomery Swamp with a 475 foot bridge, and a shoulder section.

Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative – LEDPA (Concurrence Point 3, signed 8/14/2003): The LEDPA is an asymmetrical, best-fit widening of Airport Road with a 5-lane facility using curb and gutter. This alternative also replaces the existing box culvert at Bloomery Swamp with a bridge.

Avoidance and minimization (Concurrence Point 4A signed 1/20/2004): The Merger Process Team concurred with the following avoidance and minimization measures:

- A best-fit alignment was used to minimize wetland impacts. In the vicinity of Bloomery Swamp, widening will occur on the south side of the existing roadway, as wetlands on the northern side of the road were determined to be of higher quality.
- In the vicinity of Bloomery Swamp, the roadway typical will be reduced to a four-lane section in order to minimize wetlands impacts.
- Hazardous spill catch basins will be installed at both Bloomery Swamp and an Unnamed tributary to Bloomery Swamp in order to minimize the effects of any illicit discharges from the roadway.
- 2:1 slopes will also be included in the design in the wetland area.

Concurrence points 4B & C were held on 2/18/04.

INDEPENDENT UTILITY

The subject project is in compliance with 23 CFR Part 771.111(f) which lists the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) characteristics of independent utility of a project:

- (1) The project connects logical termini and is of sufficient length to address environmental matters on a broad scope,
- (2) The project is usable and a reasonable expenditure, even if no additional transportation improvements are made in the area;
- (3) The project does not restrict consideration of alternatives for other reasonably foreseeable transportation improvements.

RESOURCE STATUS

Wetland delineations: Potential wetland communities were investigated pursuant to the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual. Each impact is described in detail below. Site and station numbers correspond with the permit (hydraulic) drawings included in this application. Wetlands in the area are extensive bottomland hardwood riverine systems. They can also be described as forested, broad-leaved deciduous, but with an intermittently flooded hydrologic regime. Soils have a sandy loam texture with a matrix of 10 YR 5/1 and abundant mottles of 10 YR 5/6. Standing water is several inches deep. Vegetation includes black willow, red maple, river birch and sweet gum with an understudy of tear thumb, softstem rush, lizard's tail and honeysuckle vines.

Impacts to Waters of the United States

Site 1 (44+95-45+55-L-)

A 24" and 36" concrete pipe carrying an unnamed perennial tributary to Bloomery Swamp, will be replaced with two 60" reinforced concrete pipes. This proposed activity will result in 82 feet of permanent stream impact, and 0.057 acre of wetland impact to accommodate for the wider roadway and longer culvert. Temporarily, 0.017 acre of wetland will be impacted for the installation of the reinforced concrete pipes. This proposed activity will also impact 19,174 square feet of Neuse River Riparian Buffer (11,533 square feet of Zone 1, and 7,641 square feet of Zone 2) which is allowable with mitigation.

Site 2 (77+25-91+55 –L-)

A 12'x 9' pentuple barrel culvert, carrying Bloomery Swamp, will be replaced with a 3-span, 205-foot cored slab bridge. This proposed activity will result in 0.847 acre of permanent wetland impact. This amount includes 0.235 acre of impact for the relocation of a sewer utility. There will be 0.118 acre of temporary fill in wetland and 0.066 acre of temporary surface water impact in the form of a temporary causeway used to construct the new bridge. This proposed activity will also impact 12,900 square feet of Neuse River Riparian Buffer (7,871 square feet of Zone 1, and 5,029 square feet of Zone 2) which is allowable.

Site 3 (114+90-115.20 –L-)

Site 3 is a small wetland that will not be impacted by the project, but is shown on page 12 of the permit (hydraulic) drawings.

Site 4 (126+79 –L-)

An 18" reinforced concrete pipe, carrying an unnamed perennial tributary to Bloomery Swamp, will be extended with the same type of pipe. This proposed activity will result in 7' of permanent stream impact and 0.010 acre of temporary fill in wetlands used to divert the water necessary for the installation of the pipe extension. This proposed activity will also impact 8,229 square feet of Neuse River Riparian Buffer (4,968 square feet of Zone 1, and 8,229 square feet of Zone 2) which is allowable.

PROTECTED SPECIES

Plants and animals with Federal classification of Endangered (E) or Threatened (T) are protected under provisions of Section 7 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. As of January 29, 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) lists three federally protected species for Wilson County (Table 1). Concurrence has been received from the USFWS in a letter dated December 23, 2003 concurring with the No Effect biological conclusion for the red-cockaded woodpecker and the May Effect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect for the Michaux's sumac. A email dated September 7, 2005, from Mr. Gary Jordan indicated concurrence with a No Effect biological conclusion for the Dwarf wedgemussel.

Table 1. Federally Protected Species for Wilson County

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Biological Conclusion
Dwarf wedgemussel	Alasmidonta heterodon	Endangered	NO EFFECT
Red-cockaded woodpecker	Picoides borealis	Endangered	NO EFFECT
Michaux's sumac	Rhus michauxii	Endangered	May Effect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect

Endangered A taxon "in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range."

INDIRECT CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS

Existing rules for the 401 Water Quality Certification Program (15A NCAC 2H .0506(b)(4) require that the DWQ determine that a project "does not result in cumulative impacts, based on past or reasonably anticipated future impacts, that cause or will cause a violation of downstream water quality standards."

An Indirect and Cumulative Effects Report (ICE) was completed for this project in March of 2005. A review of this project revealed that conditions within the growth impact study area were found to be conducive to growth. However, the potential for project-induced growth and transitions to higher intensity land uses are modest. Copies of this document are available upon request.

There are no impaired (303d) streams in the project area.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

<u>Archaeology & Historical Structures</u>: Archaeological resource survey work was conducted to determine if significant archaeological resources might be disturbed. In a letter dated August 27, 2001, five sites included in the archaeological survey are not eligible for the National Register. This document is found in Appendix C in the EA.

In a letter dated August 27, 2001, also found in Appendix C of the EA, SHPO concluded that there are no historic resources that would be affected by the proposed project.

FEMA COMPLIANCE

The project is located within the Neuse River Basin and corresponding nutrient sensitive water rules will apply. This crossing of Bloomery Swamp has a drainage area of 20.7 square miles and is located below headwaters. Wilson County and the City of Wilson are currently participating in the National Flood Insurance Regulatory Program. The proposed crossing of Bloomery Swamp is located in a designated flood hazard zone where a detail study has been performed. According to the above

mentioned detailed study and the hydraulic analysis performed for the culvert in 1990 by the NCDOT Hydraulics Unit, the existing culvert passes the 100-year flood with no overtopping. It is not anticipated that the proposed project should have any adverse impacts on the existing floodplain.

WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SYSTEM

The project will not impact any designated Wild and Scenic Rivers or any rivers included in the list of study rivers (Public Law 90-542, as amended).

MITIGATION OPTIONS

The Corps of Engineers has adopted, through the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), a wetland mitigation policy that embraces the concept of "no net loss of wetlands" and sequencing. The purpose of this policy is to restore and maintain the chemical, biological, and physical integrity of the Waters of the United States. Mitigation of wetland and surface water impacts has been defined by the CEQ to include: avoiding impacts, minimizing impacts, rectifying impacts, reducing impacts over time and compensating for impacts (40 CFR 1508.20). Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and Department of Transportation Order 5660.1A (Preservation of the Nations Wetlands), emphasize protection of the functions and values provided by wetlands. These directives require that new construction in wetlands be avoided as much as possible and that all-practicable measures are taken to minimize or mitigate impacts to wetlands.

Avoidance and Minimization: This project has been designed using asymmetrical widening. Using this method, the department has avoided impacting wetlands and reduced impacts to wetlands to the greatest extent practicable. Other specific examples of avoidance and minimization measures include:

- The removal of a culvert carrying Bloomery Swamp and replacing the structure with a 205-foot bridge.
- The Bloomery Swamp stream crossing is within 1.1 miles of a critical water supply intake area (Classified WS-IV NSW). Therefore, according to guidelines developed by NCDOT and the Division of Water Quality, hazardous spill retention basins will be installed at the crossings of Bloomery Swamp and unnamed tributary to Bloomery Swamp.
- Due to the presence of high quality wetlands at Bloomery Swamp, Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds .0024 NCAC Title 15A provisions have been included in the design.
- The typical section over Bloomery Swamp will be reduced to a four-lane crosssection in order to minimize wetland impacts.

Compensation: The primary emphasis of the compensatory mitigation is to reestablish a condition that would have existed if the project were not built. As previously stated, mitigation is limited to reasonable expenditures and practicable considerations related to highway operation. Mitigation is generally accomplished through a combination of methods designed to replace wetland functions and values lost as a result of construction of the project. These methods consist of creation of new wetlands from uplands, borrow pits, and other non-wetland areas; restoration of wetlands; and enhancement of existing wetlands. Where such options may not be available, or when existing wetlands and wetland-surface water complexes are considered to be important resources worthy of preservation, consideration is given to preservation as at least one component of a compensatory mitigation proposal.

FHWA Step Down Compliance

All compensatory mitigation must be in compliance with 23 CFR Part 777.9, "Mitigation of Impacts" that describes the actions that should be followed to qualify for Federal-aid highway funding. This process is known as the FHWA "Step Down" procedures:

- 1. Consideration must be given to mitigation within the right-of-way and should include the enhancement of existing wetlands and the creation of new wetlands in the highway median, borrow pit areas, interchange areas and along the roadside.
- 2. Where mitigation within the right-of-way does not fully offset wetland losses, compensatory mitigation may be conducted outside the right-of-way including enhancement, creation, and preservation.

Based upon the agreements stipulated in the "Memorandum of Agreement Among the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District" (MOA), it is understood that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP), will assume responsibility for satisfying the federal Clean Water Act compensatory mitigation requirements for NCDOT projects. The offsetting mitigation will derive from an inventory of assets already in existence within the same 8-digit cataloguing unit. The Department has avoided and minimized impacts to jurisdictional resources to the greatest extent possible as described above. The remaining, unavoidable impacts will be offset by compensatory mitigation provided by the EEP. A copy of this acceptance by the EEP is included in this application package.

REGULATORY APPROVALS

Application is hereby made for a Department of the Army for a Section 404 Individual Permit, a Section 401 Individual Water Quality Certification, and a Neuse River Buffer Certification, for the above described activities. In compliance with Section 143-215.3D(e) of the NCAC, we will provide \$475.00 to act as payment for processing the Section 401 permit application previously noted in this application (debit WBS element 34981.1.1). We are providing seven copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality.

We also anticipate that comments from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) will be required prior to authorization by the Corps of Engineers. By copy of this letter and attachment, NCDOT hereby requests that NCWRC review and forward their comments to the Corps of Engineers.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Turchy at maturchy@dot.state.nc.us or (919) 715-1468. A copy of this application will also be posted at http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/preconstruct/pe/.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

Cc: W/attachment

Mr. John Hennessy, NCDWQ (7 Copies)

Mr. Travis Wilson, NCWRC

Ms. Becky Fox, USEPA - Whittier, NC

Mr. Ronald Mikulak, USEPA – Atlanta, GA

Mr. Clarence W. Coleman, P.E., FHWA

Mr. Gary Jordan, USFWS

Mr. Ron Sechler, NMFS

Mr. Michael Street, NCDMF

Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics

Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design

Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental

Mr. Richard E. Greene, PE, Div. 4 Engineer

Mr. Jamie Shern, Div. 4 Environmental Officer

W/o attachment

Mr. Scott McLendon, USACE, Wilmington

Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design

Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP,

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Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design

Ms. Beth Harmon, EEP

Mr. Todd Jones, NCDOT External Audit Branch

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Mr. Carl Goode, PE, Human Environment Unit

APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT (33 CFR 325)

OMB APPROVAL NO. 0710-003 Expires December 31, 2004

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403: Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, 33 USC 1413, Section 103. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued.

One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

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19.	Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)
	To increase capacity of Airport Road.
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	USE BLOCKS 20-22 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED
20.	Reason(s) for Discharge
	Impacts will result from widening the shoulders, raising the grade of the highway, and lengthening/ replacing hydraulic structures.
21.	Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards
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	See attached cover letter and permit drawings.
22.	Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)
	See attached cover letter and permit drawings.
23.	Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? Yes No _X IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK
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24.	Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (If more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list).
	Please see adjacent property landowners page attached to the permit drawing package.
25.	List of Other Certifications or Approvals/Denials Received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application. AGENCY TYPE APPROVAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DATE APPLIED DATE APPROVED DATE DENIED
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	uld include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits
26.	Application is hereby made for a permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.
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	The application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.



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August 29, 2005

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Subject:

EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

U-3823, SR 1158 (Airport Boulevard) Widening, Wilson County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide the riverine wetland and stream mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you in a letter dated August 26, 2005, the impacts are located in CU 03020203 of the Neuse River Basin in the Northern Inner Coastal Plain (NICP) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

Riverine Wetland: Stream Impacts:

0.903 acre 89 feet

Also, as indicated in your letter, this project will impact buffers located in CU 03020203 of the Neuse River Basin. The total buffer impacts are 11,533 square feet in Zone 1 and 7,641 square feet in Zone 2. The NCDOT estimated buffer impacts in the 7-year Impact Projection Database submitted to EEP in May 2005. The buffer mitigation required for the NCDOT's impact projections was incorporated into EEP's biennial budget that was approved in June 2005 by the NCDOT. However, EEP intends to continue managing all of the NCDOT's buffer mitigation requests and approvals through the In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program's Buffer Fund. Any buffer impact associated with projects located in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico River Basins, and portions of the Cape Fear and Catawba River Basins are automatic acceptances by the EEP, per the agreement with the NCDWQ.

The NCDOT will be responsible to ensure that the appropriate compensation for the buffer mitigation will be provided in the agreed upon method of fund transfer. Upon receipt of the NCDWQ's Buffer Certification, the NCDOT will provide the EEP a copy of the Certification along with a letter verifying the buffer impact/mitigation amounts and requesting a fund transfer to provide the required compensation. The EEP will transfer funds from the MOA Account (Fund 2984) into the ILF Buffer Mitigation Fund (Fund 2982).

As stated in your letter, the subject project is listed in Exhibit 2 of the Memorandum of Agreement among the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District dated July 22, 2003. The compensatory riverine wetland and stream mitigation for the subject project will be provided in accordance with this agreement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Beth Harmon at 919-715-1929.

Sincerely,

William D. Gilmore, P.E.

EEP Director

cc: Mr. Bill Biddlecome, USACE-Washington

Mr. John Hennessy, Division of Water Quality, Wetlands/401 Unit

File: U-3823



August 29, 2005

Mr. Bill Biddlecome U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Washington Regulatory Field Office Post Office Box 1000 Washington, North Carolina 27789-1000

Dear Mr. Biddlecome:

Subject:

EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

U-3823, SR 1158 (Airport Boulevard) Widening, Wilson County; Neuse River Basin (CU 03020203); Northern Inner Coastal Plain (NICP) Eco-Region

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide compensatory riverine wetland and stream mitigation for the unavoidable impacts associated with the above referenced project. As indicated in the NCDOT's mitigation request letter, the impacts associated with this project are as follows:

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0.903 acre

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EEP will commit to implementing sufficient compensatory stream mitigation to offset the impacts associated with this project by the end of the MOA year in which this project is permitted, in accordance with Section X of the Tri-Party MOA, signed on July 22, 2003. Appropriate wetland and stream mitigation assets available include, but are not limited to, Payne Dale, Moccasin Creek, and the Neu-Con Mitigation Bank.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Beth Harmon at 919-715-1929.

Sincerely,

James & Stanfle da William D. Gilmore, P.E.

EEP Director

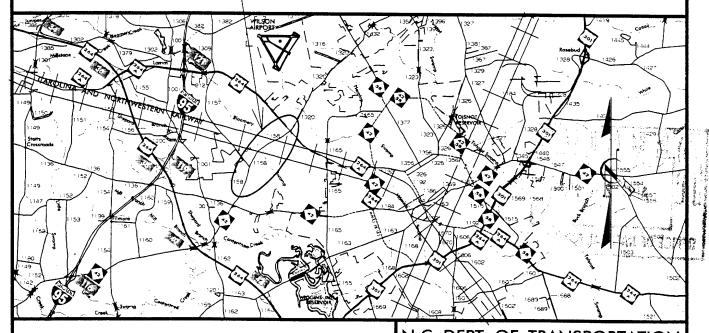
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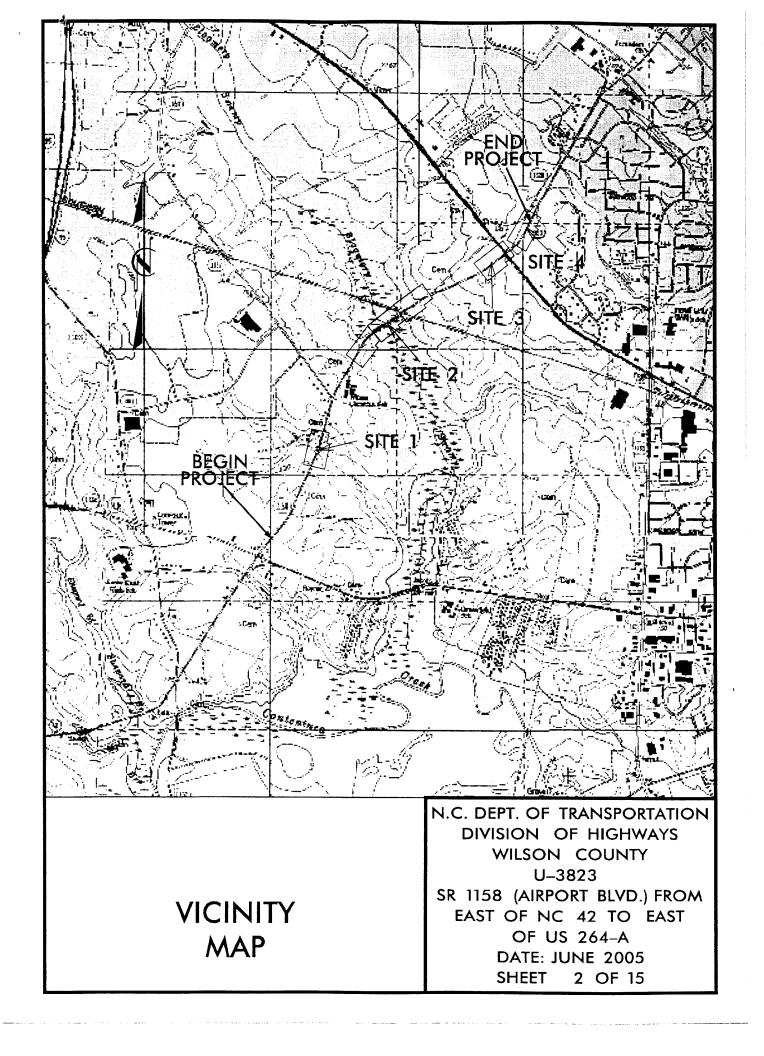
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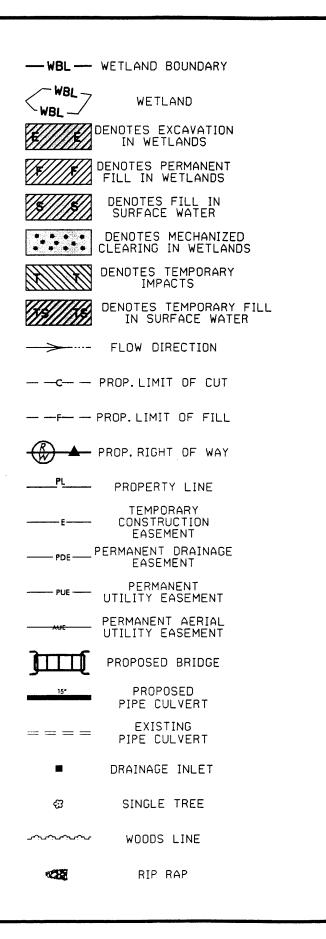




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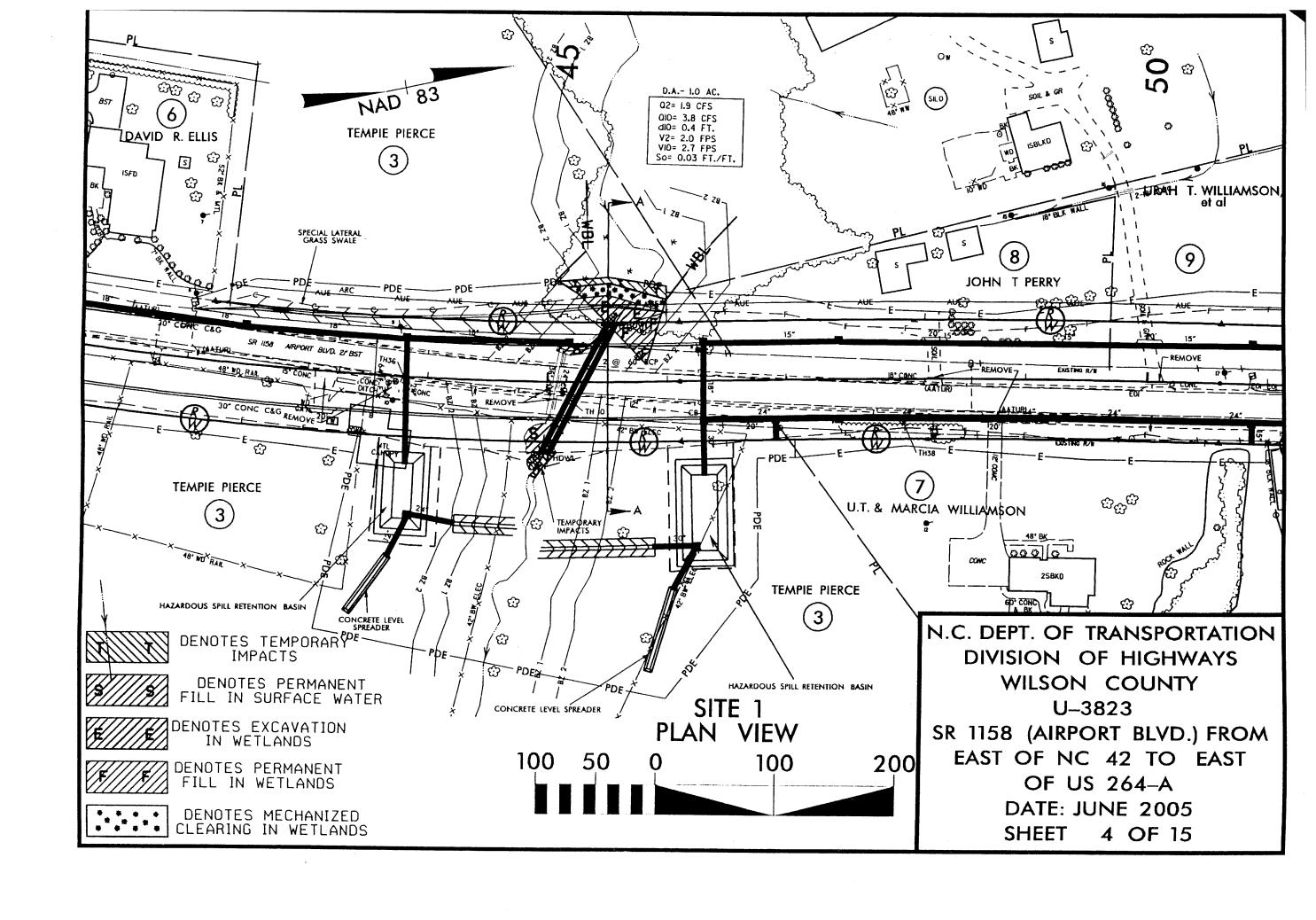


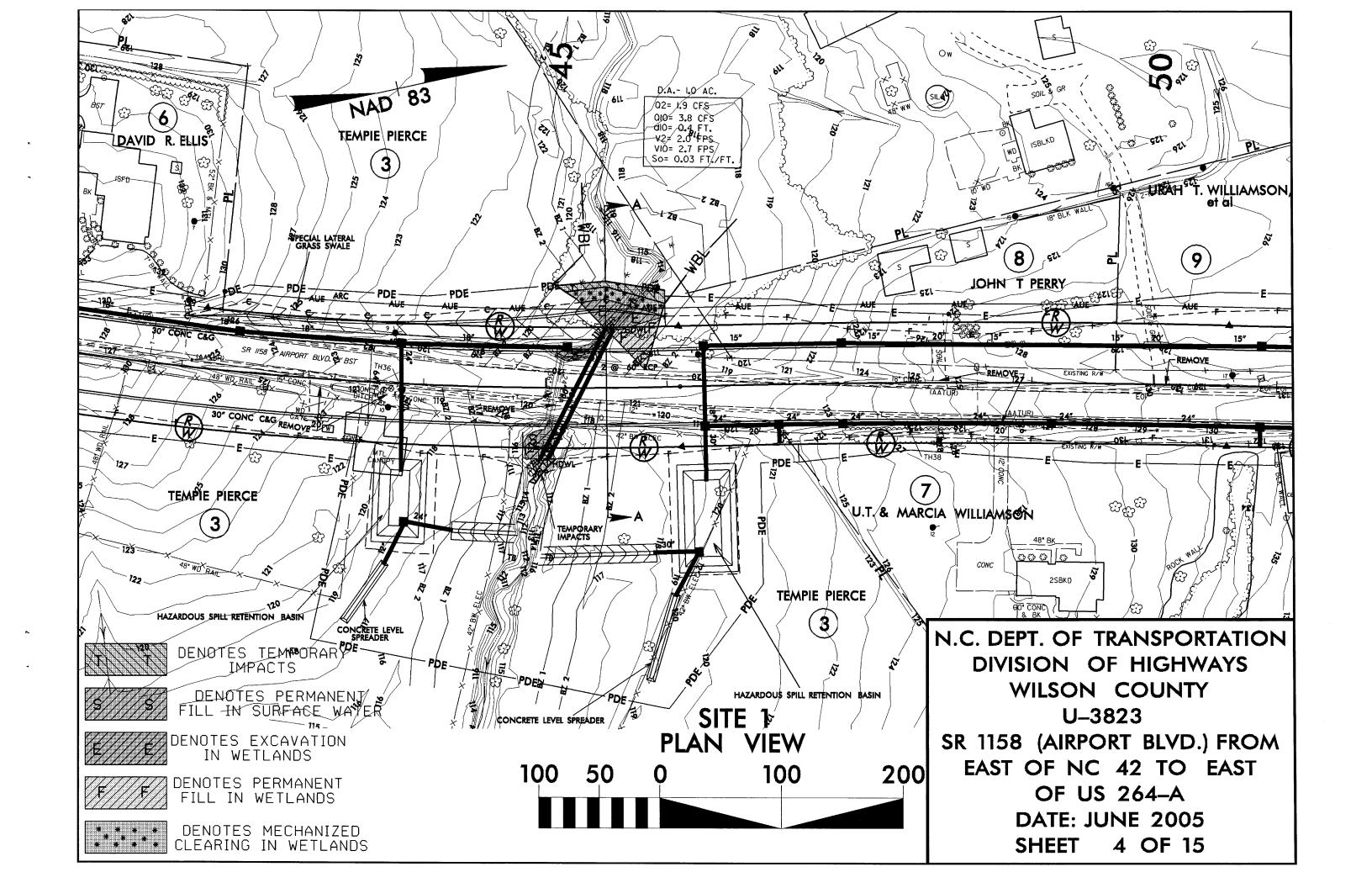
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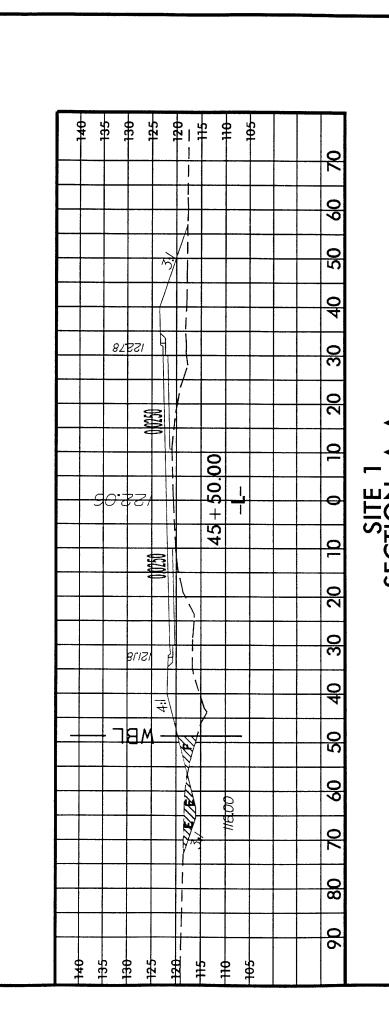
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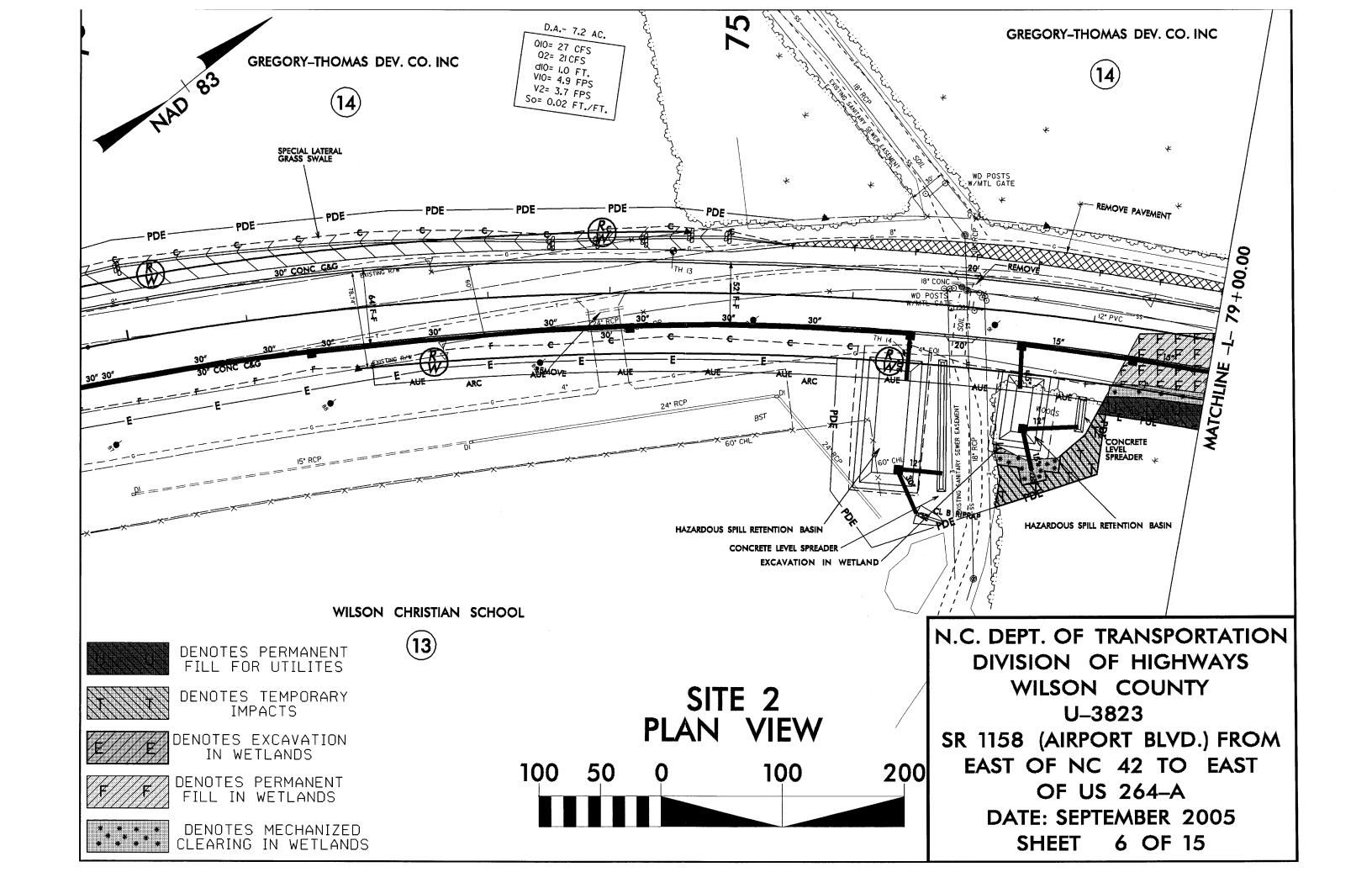
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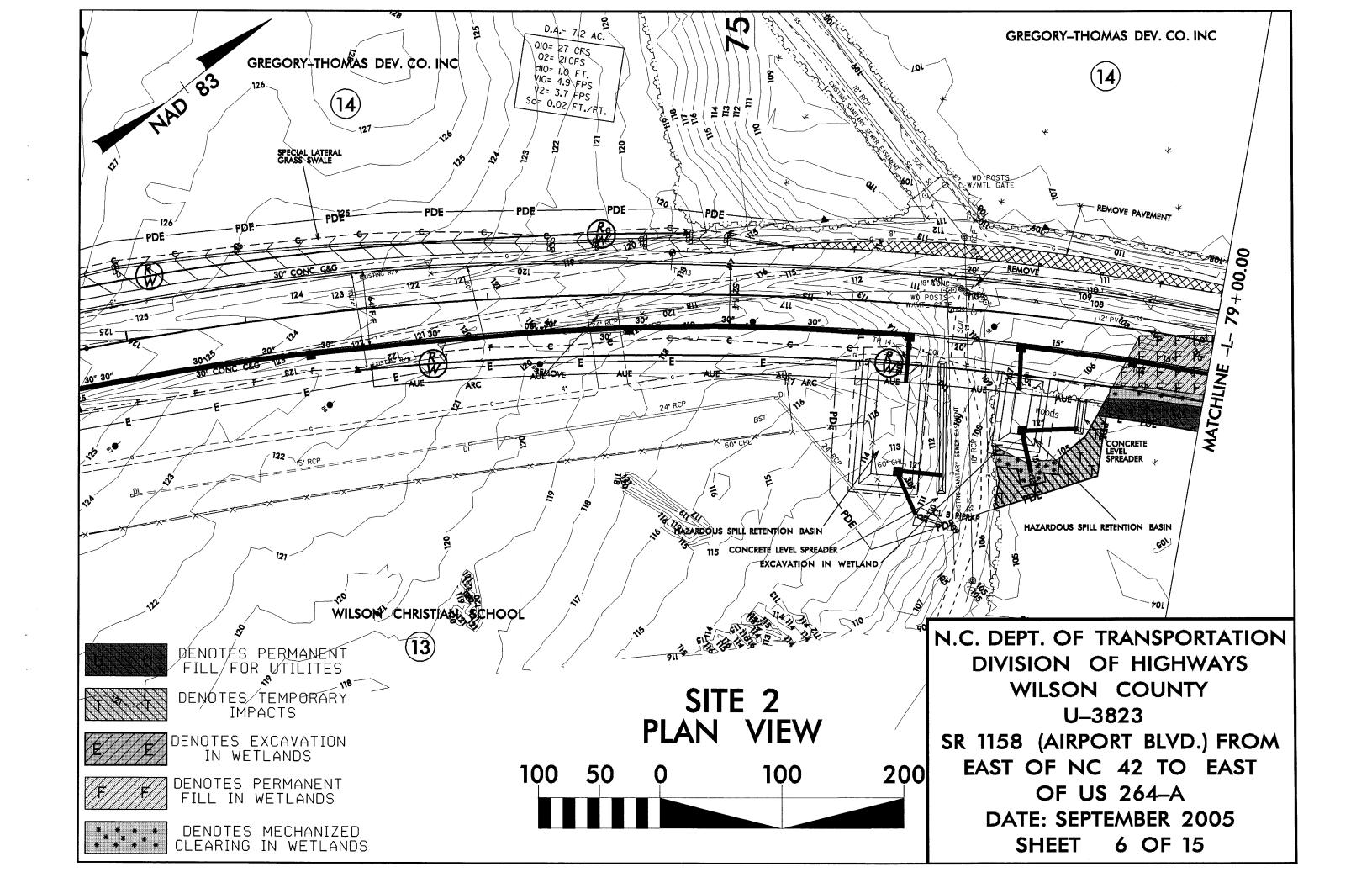
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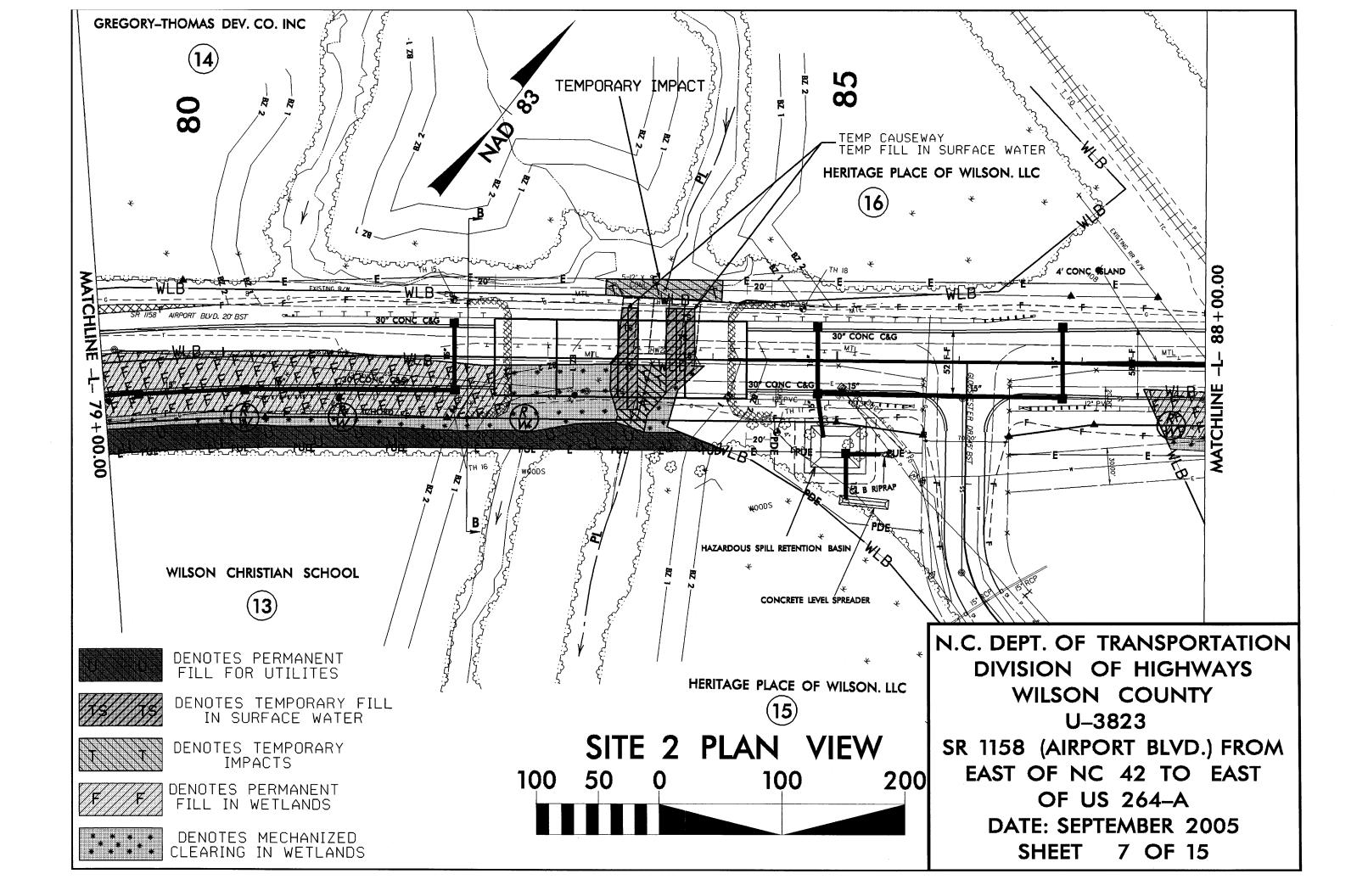
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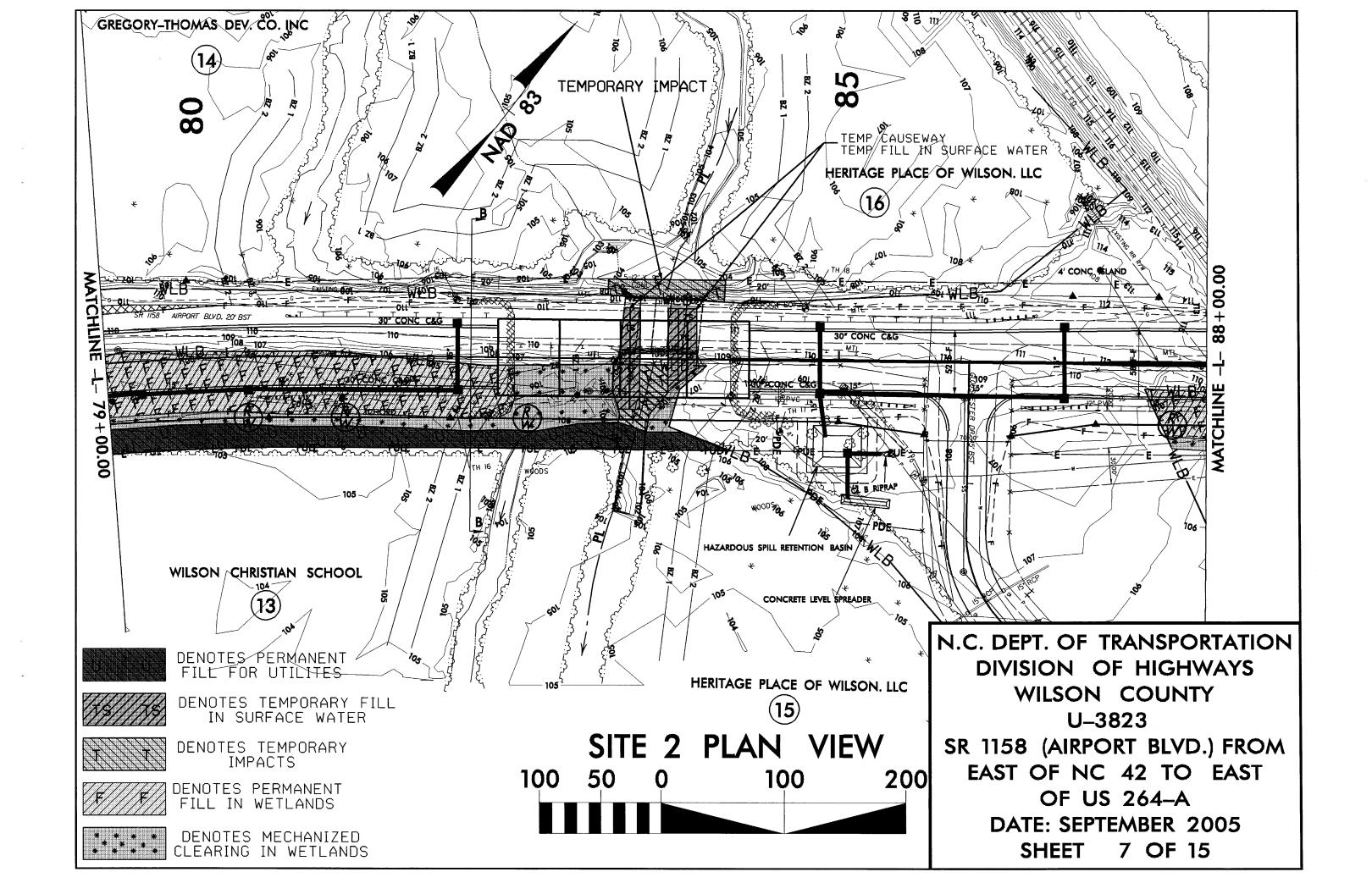
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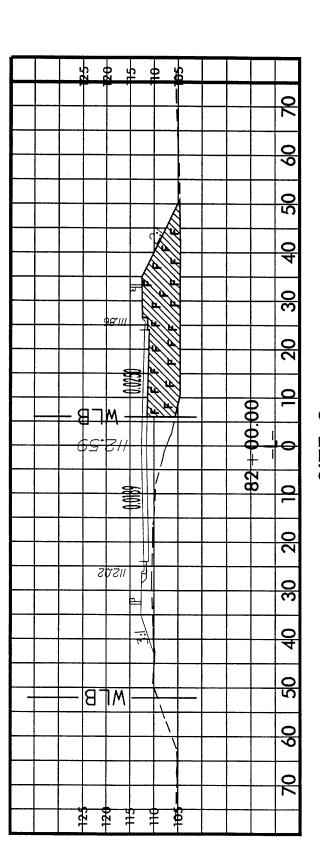












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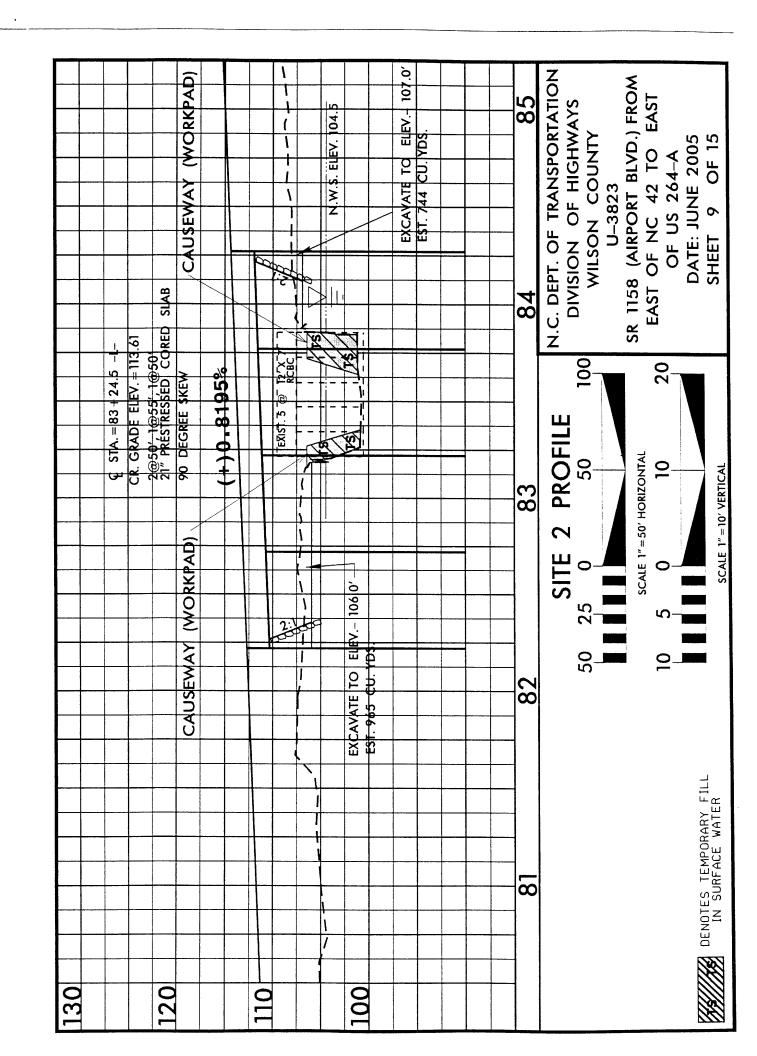
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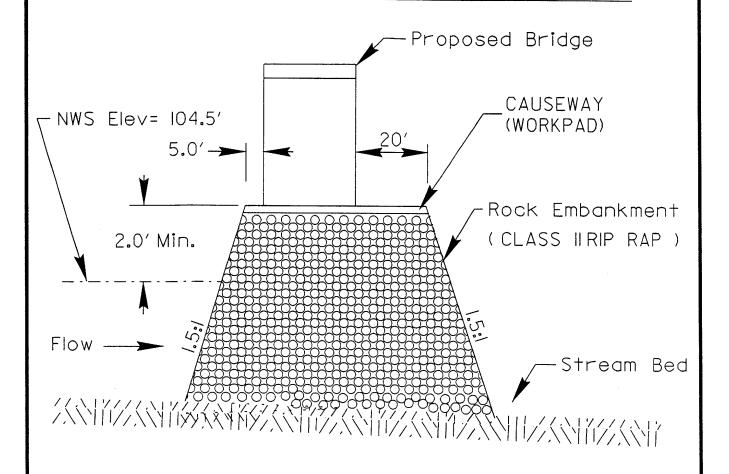
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DENOTES PERMANENT FILL IN WETLANDS



DETAIL OF CAUSEWAY

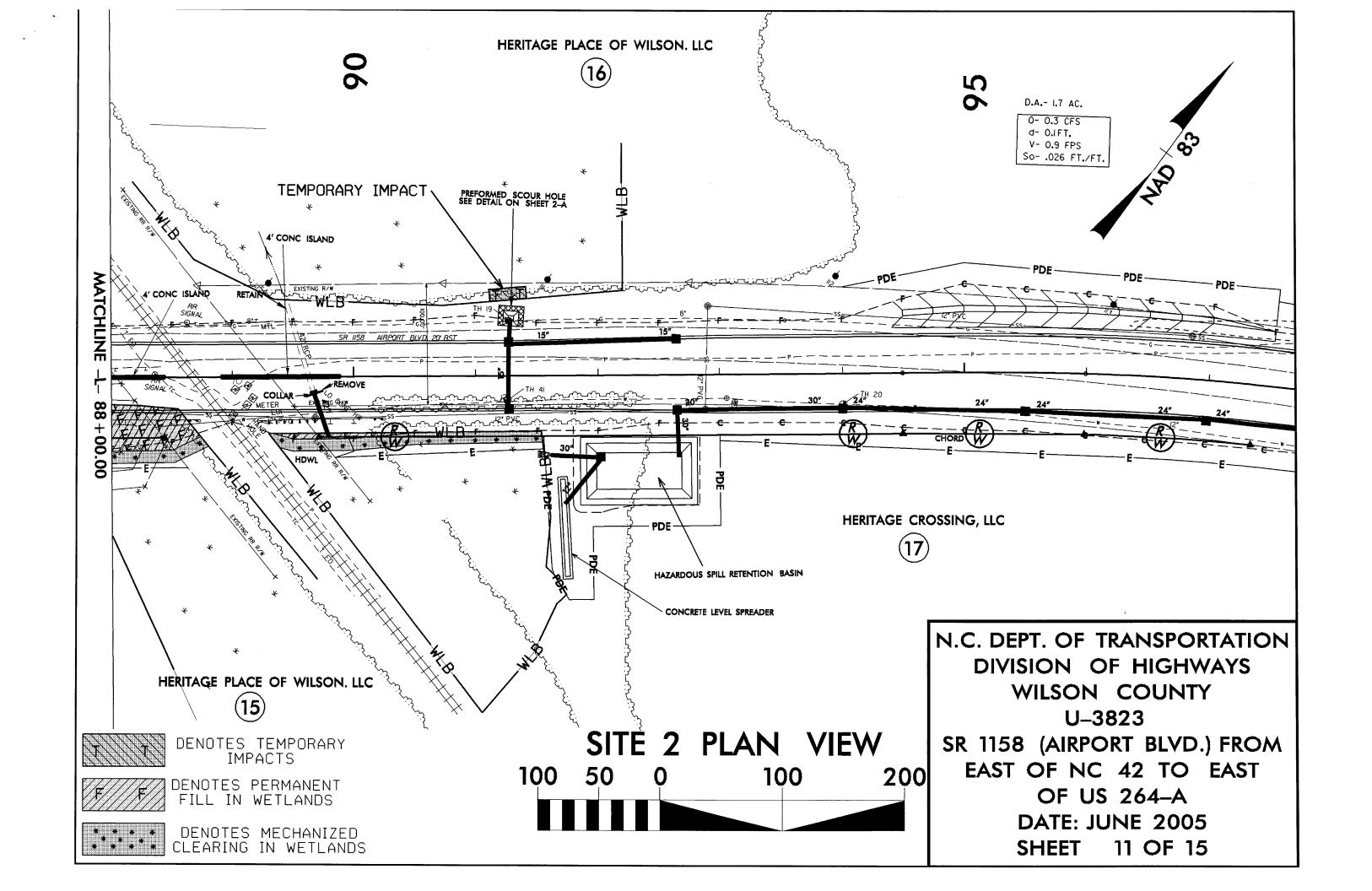


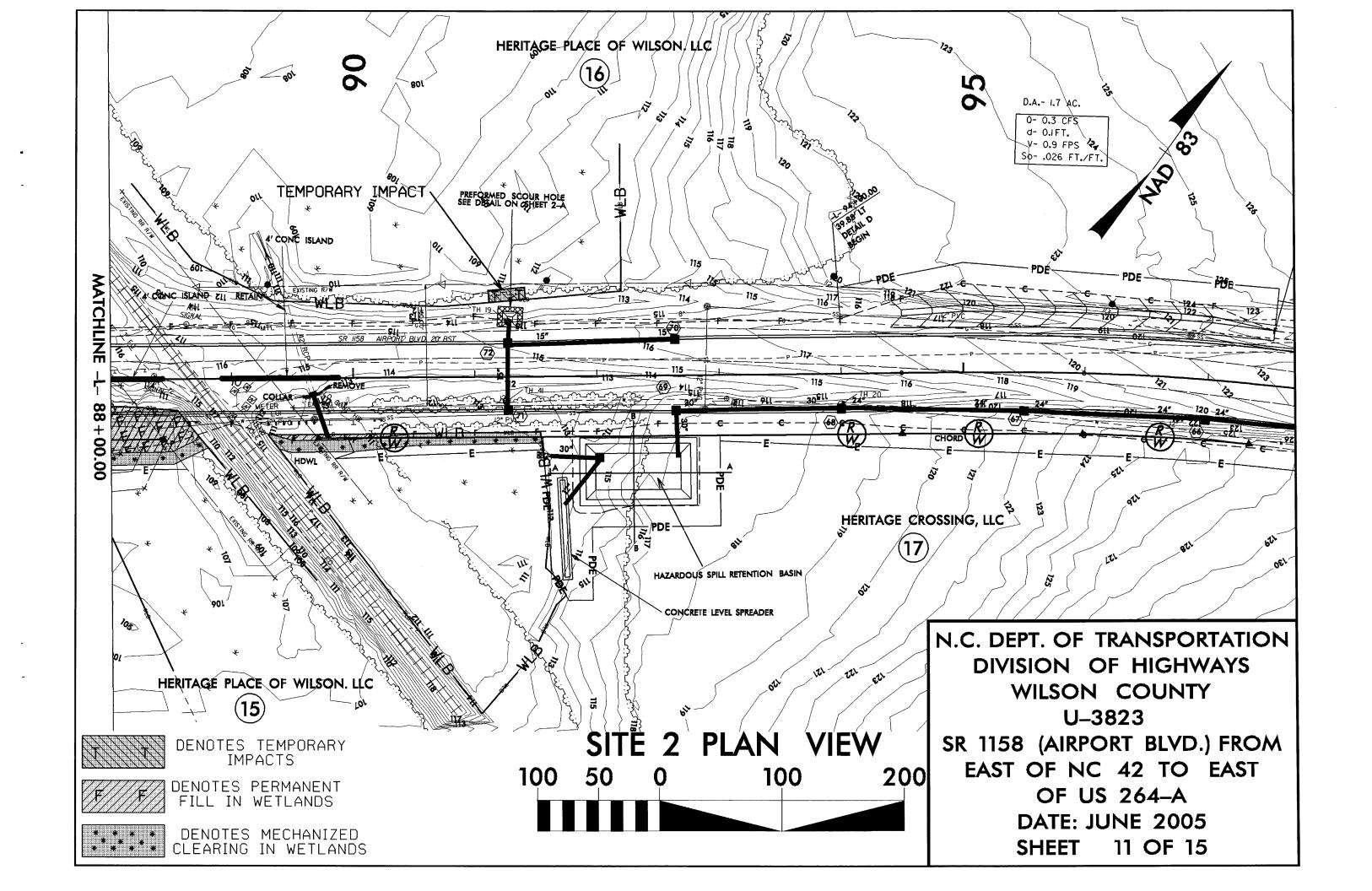
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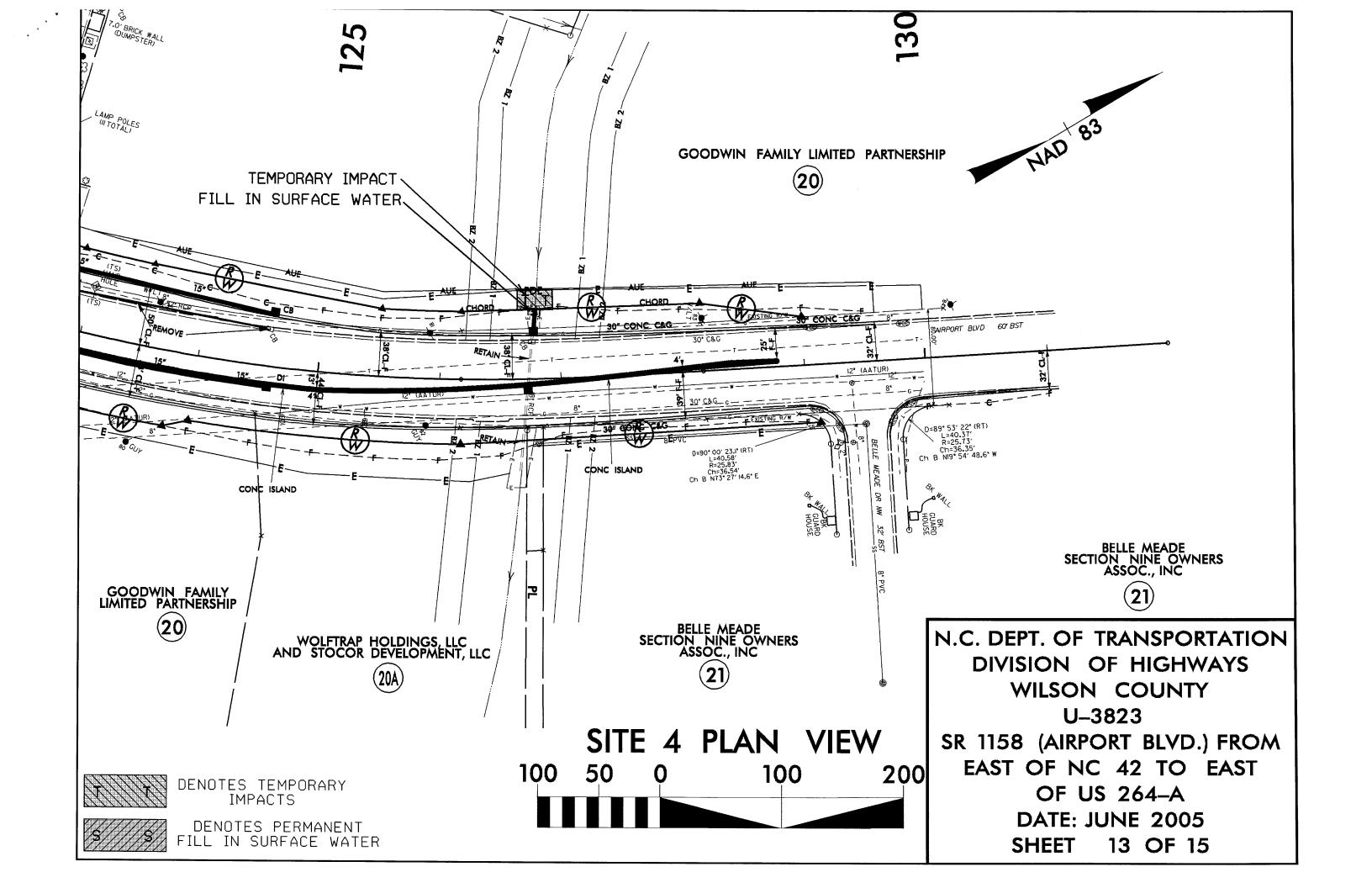
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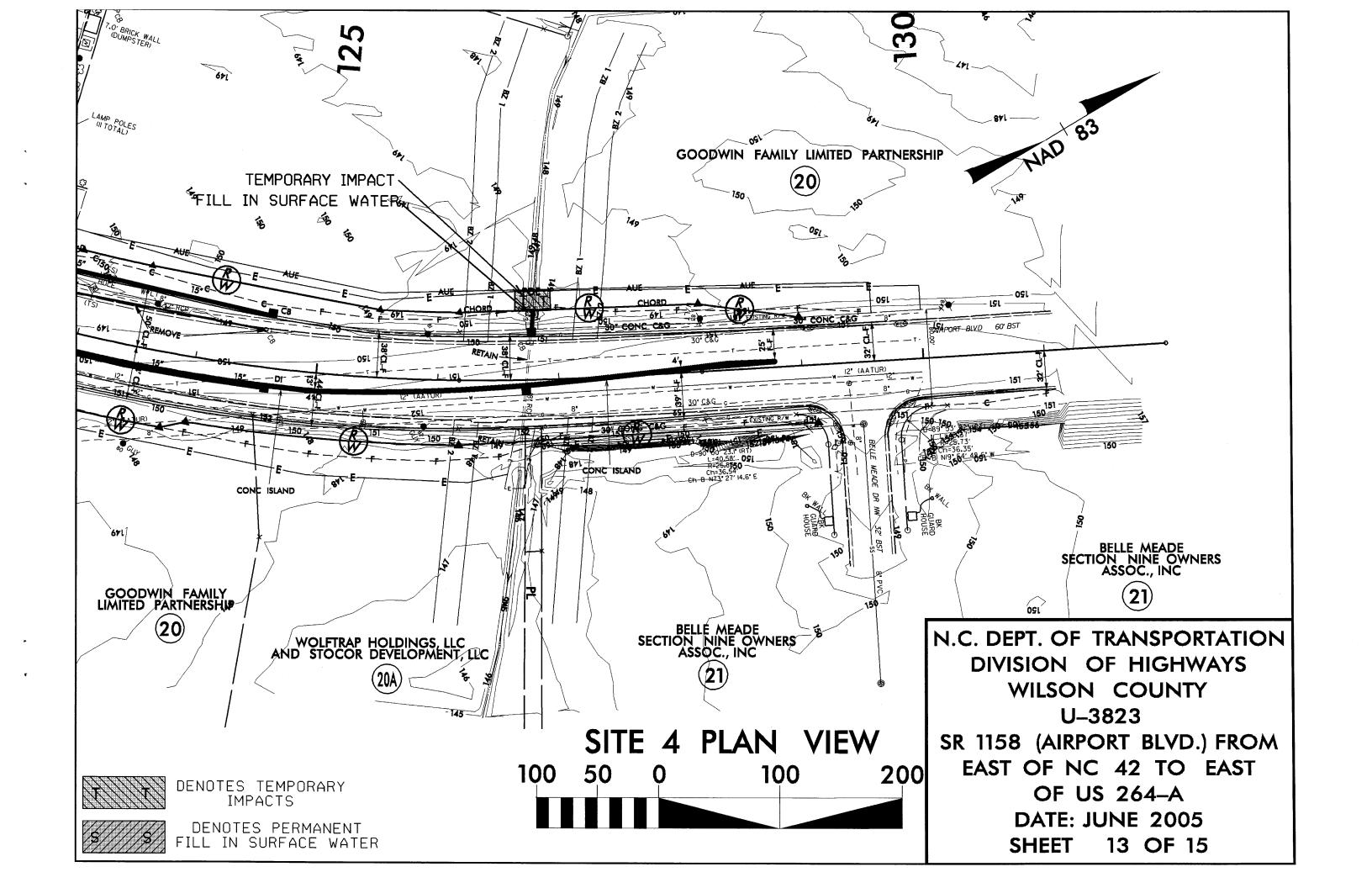
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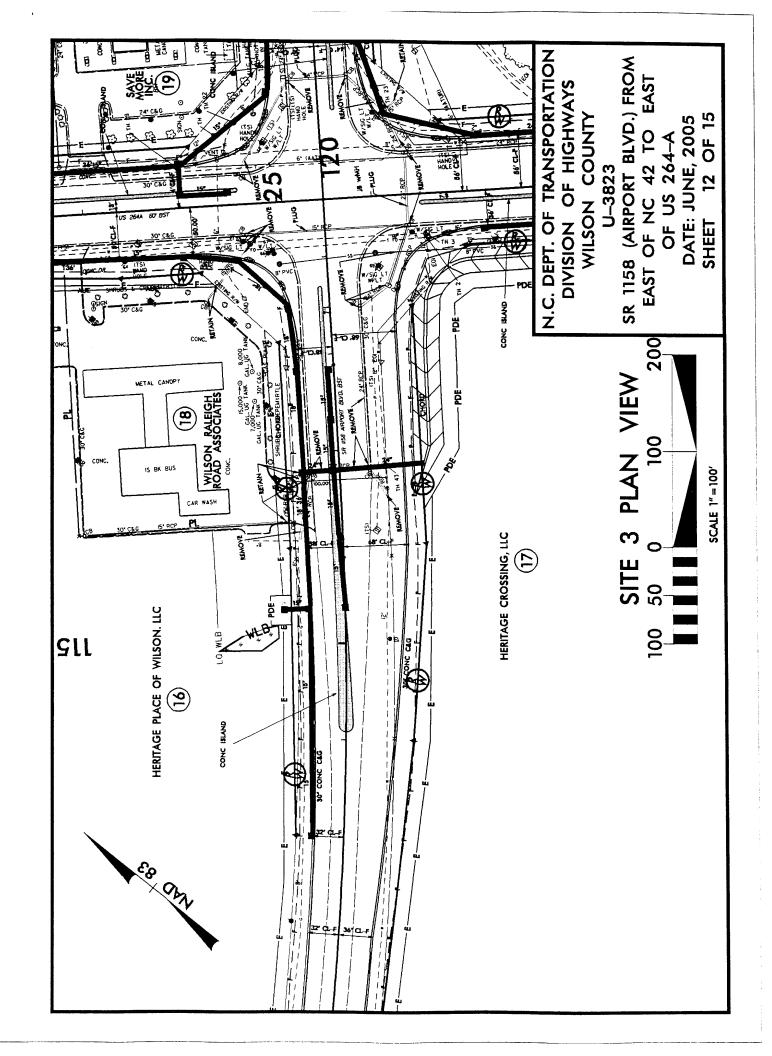
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			Natural	Stream	Design	(#)																
	SURFACE WATER IMPACTS	Existing	Channel	Impacts	Permanent	(#)	82				7											89
	RACE WAT		Temp.	=======================================	SW	(ac)			990.0													990.0
	SUF		Permanent	E E	SW	(ac)	0.028				0.001											0.029
T SUMMAR		Hand	Clearing	Ë	Wetlands	(ac)																
MIT IMPAC			Temp.		Impacts	(ac)																
WETLAND PERMIT IMPACT SUMMARY	WETLAND IMPACTS		Excavation Mechanized	Clearing	in Wetlands	(ac)	0.017		0.299													0.316
WE	WETLAND		Excavation	.⊑	Wetlands	(ac)	0.021		0.001													0.022
			Temp.	Fill In	Wetlands	(ac)	0.017		0.118		0.010											0.145
			Permanent	Fill In	Wetlands	(ac)	0.019		0.547													0.566
				Structure	Size / Type		2 @ 60" RCP	2@50',1@55',1@50' 21" PRESTRESSED CORED SLAB	O.A.L. 205'		18" RCP											
				Station	(From/To)		44+95-45+55 -L-		77+25-91+55 -L-	114+90-115.20 -L-	126+79 -L-											
				Site	o N		-		2	3	4											TOTALS

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AN ADDITIONAL 0.001 ACRE OF PERMANENT FILL IN SURFACE WATER WILL OCCUR AT SITE 2 AS A RESULT OF A BRIDGE BENT.

SITE 2 CONTAINS 0.235 ACRE OF PERMANENT WETLAND IMPACT FOR UTILITY RELOCATION SITE 2 CONTAINS 0.06 ACRES OF SHADING

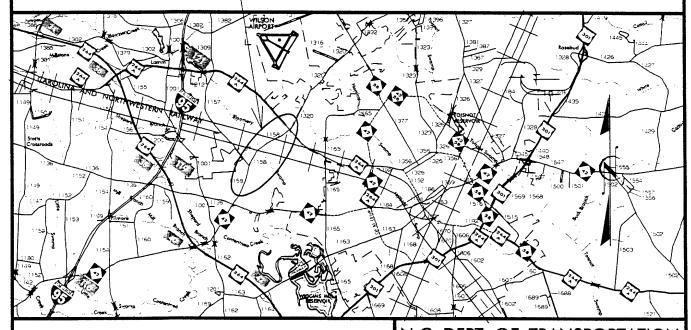
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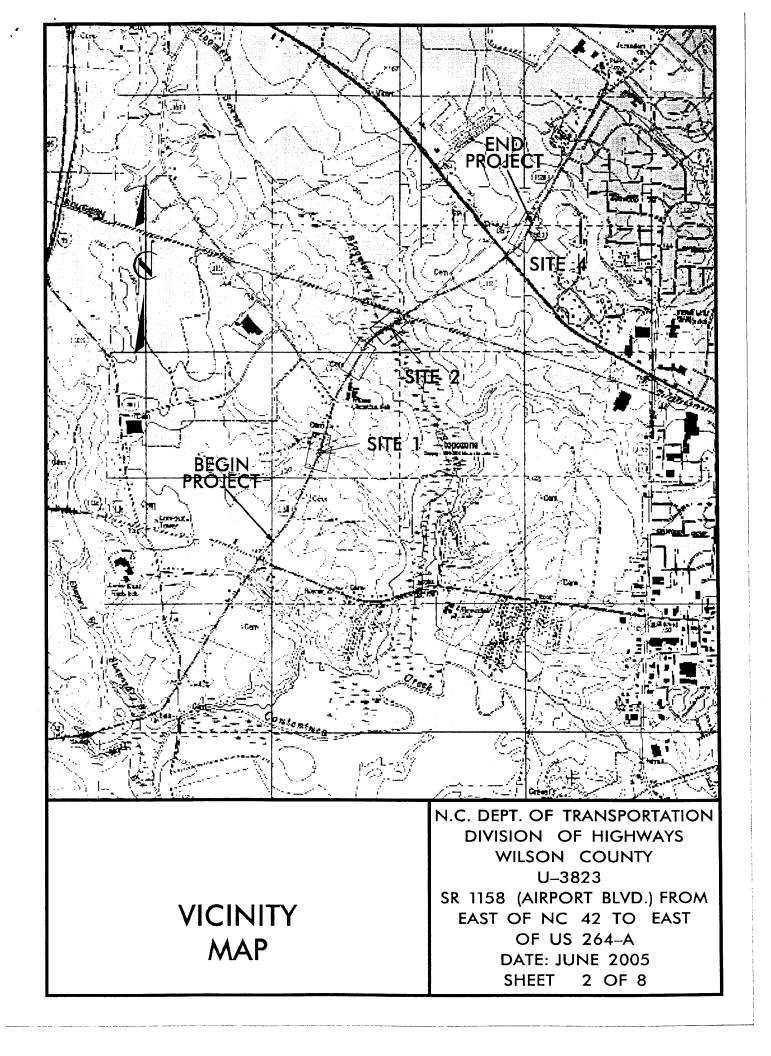
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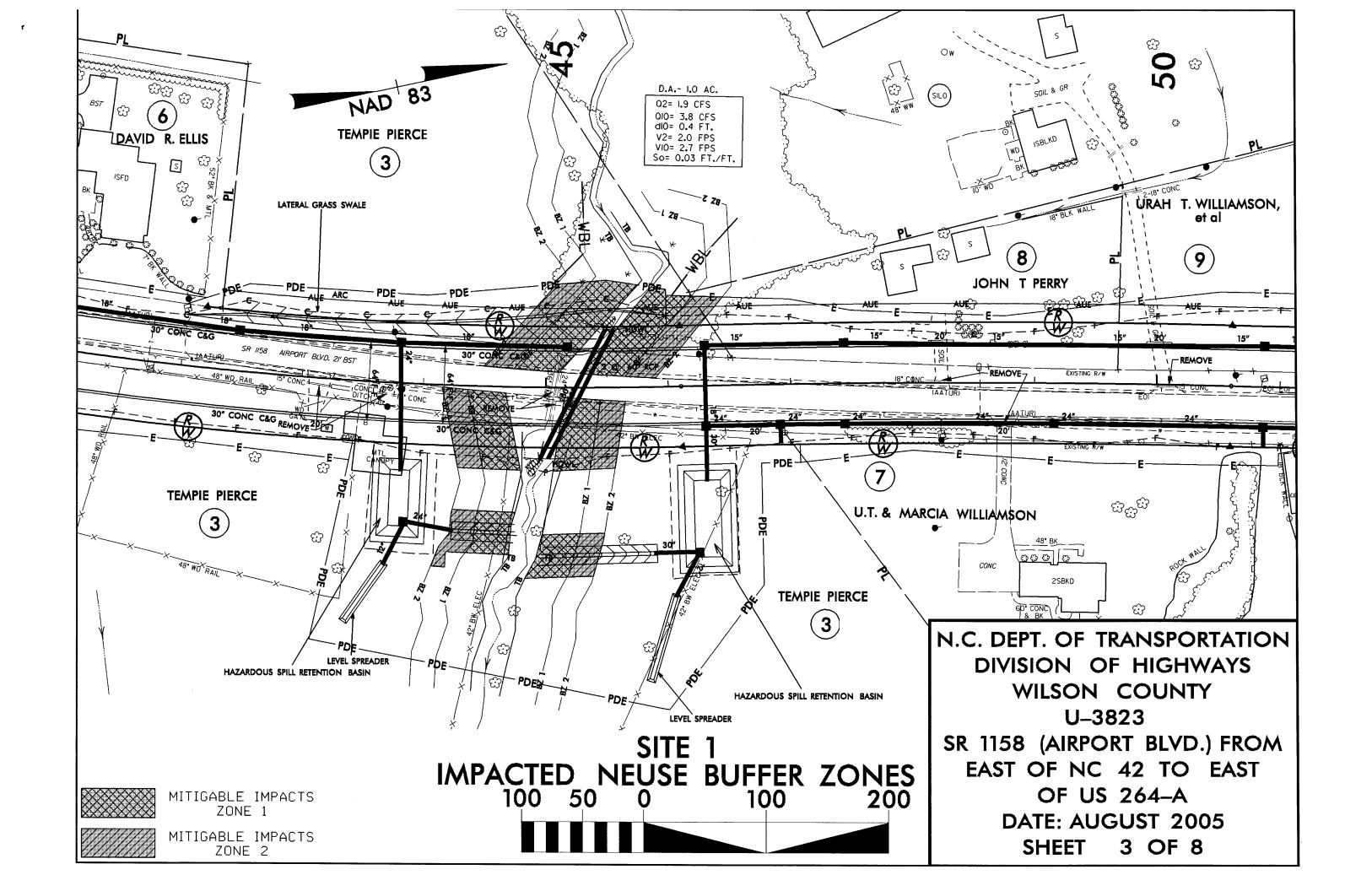
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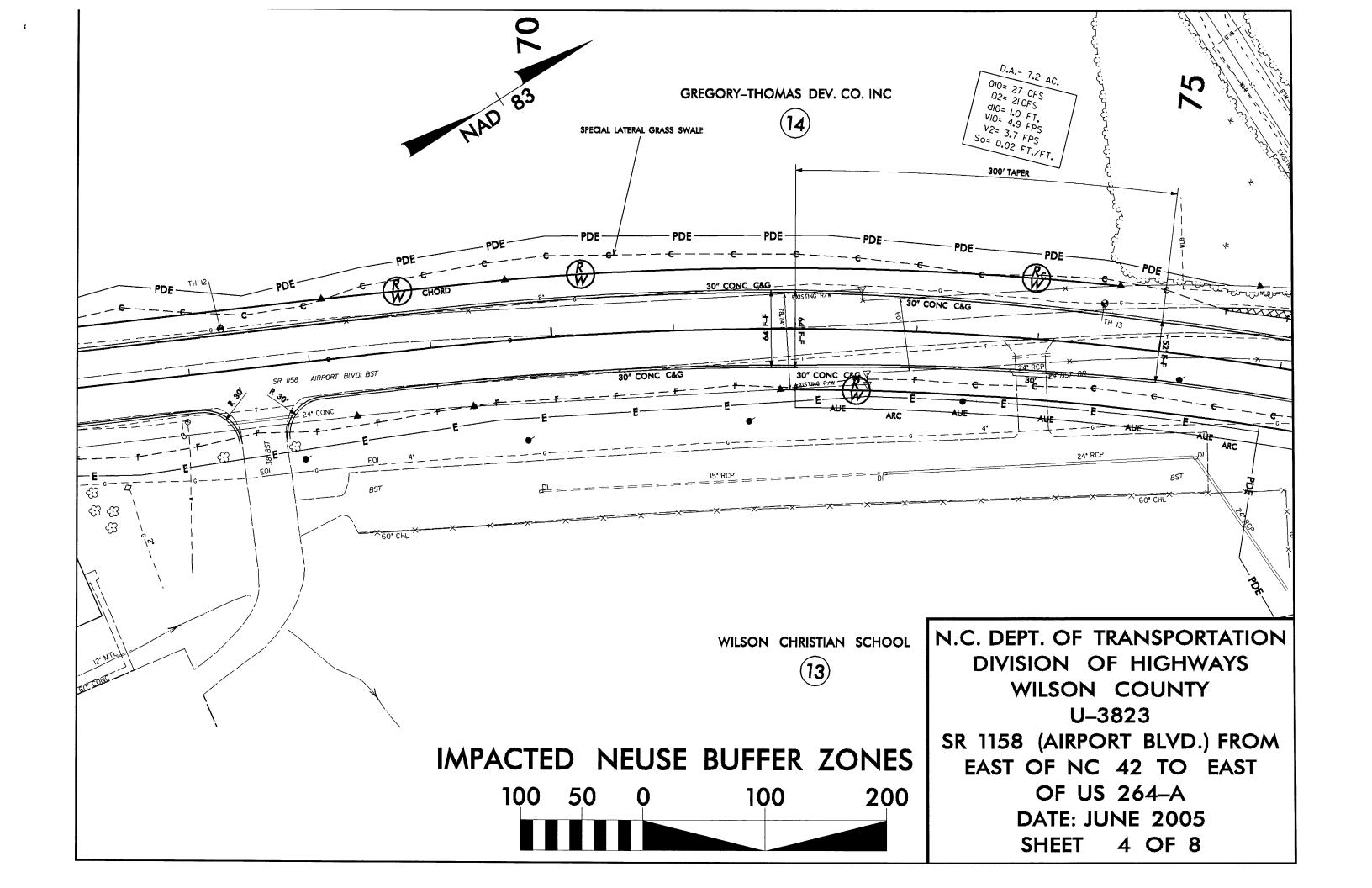


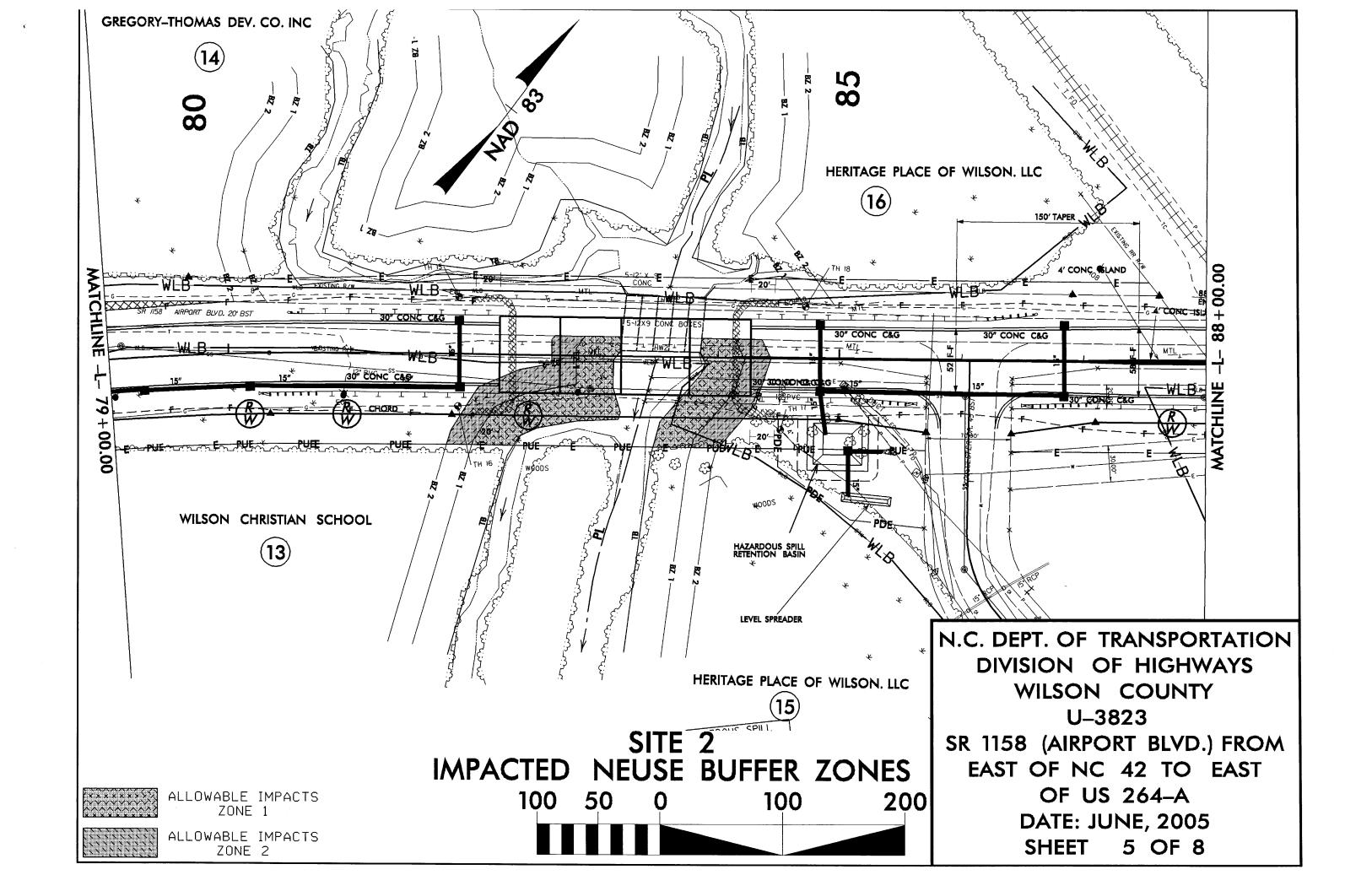


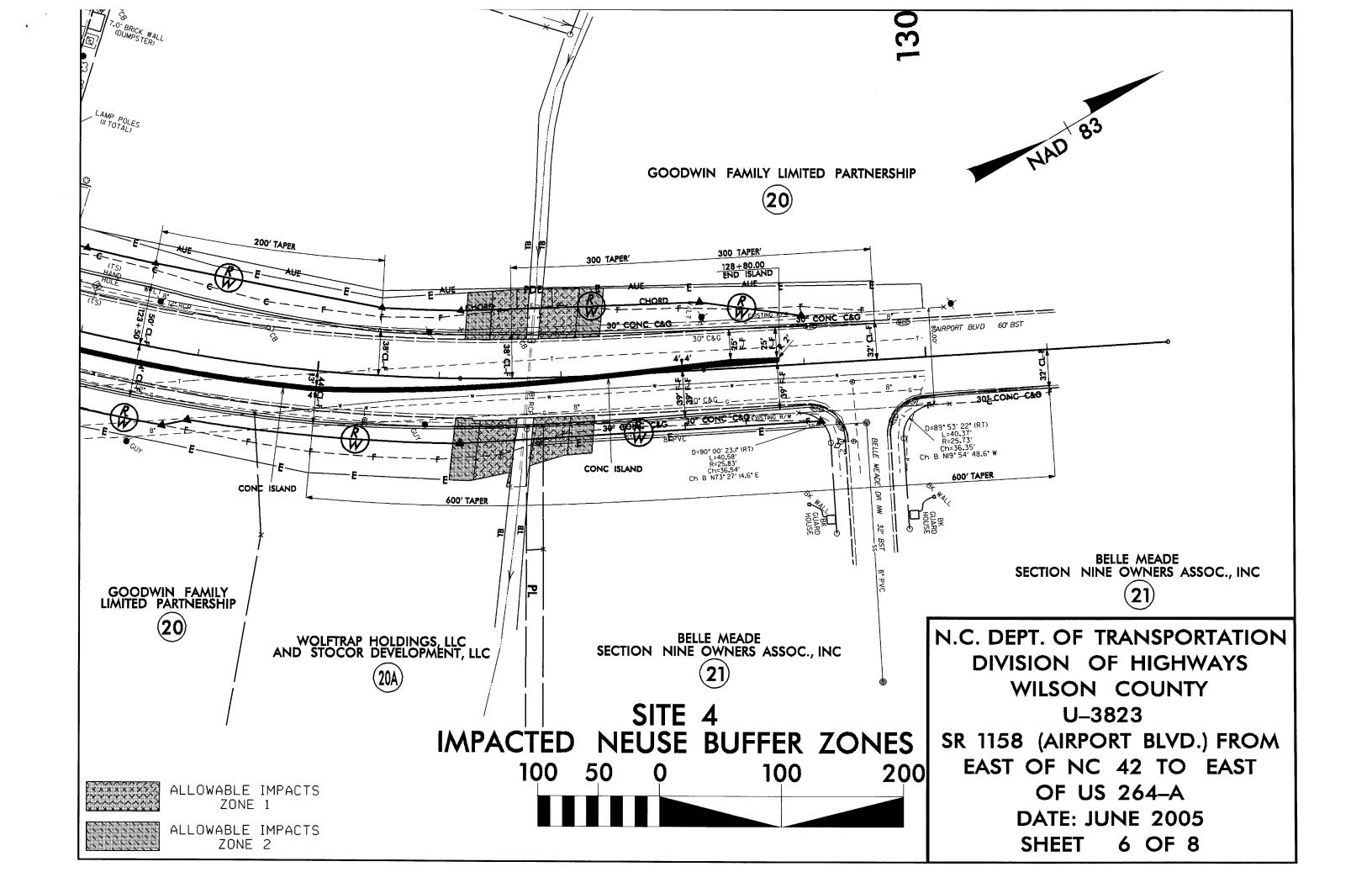
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BUFFER IMPACT SUMMARY												
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size/ Type	IMPACT								BUFFER	
			TYPE		ALLOWABLE			MITIGABLE			REPLACEMENT	
			ROAD CROSSING	PARALLEL IMPACT	ZONE 1 (SF)	ZONE 2 (SF)	TOTAL (SF)	ZONE 1 (SF)	ZONE 2 (SF)	TOTAL (SF)	ZONE 1 (SF)	ZONE 2 (SF)
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4	126+79 -L-	18" RCP	X		4968	3261	8229					
-	120119 -L-	10 110	^		4300	3201	0229					
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Division 4 DDC
509 Ward Blvd., Wilson NC, 27895 ADT 2000 = 4,500ADT 2025 = 22,0002002 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS DHV = 11 %LENGTH OF ROADWAY TIP PROJECT U-3823 = 2.087 Miles D = 55 % LENGTH OF STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT U-3823 = 0.039 Miles R. E. GREENE, JR., PE RIGHT OF WAY DATE T = 3 %ROADWAY DESIGN STATE DESIGN ENGINEER SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT U-3823 = 2.126 Miles V = 50 MPHDEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PROFILE (HORIZONTAL) * TTST 1 % DUAL 2 % LETTING DATE: J. C. CAULEY, PLS FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION PROFILE (VERTICAL) RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR <u>APPROVED</u> DIVISION ADMINISTRATO

